

PERSONAL . . .

"WAR IS HELL" . . .



S AID U.S. Civil War General William Sherman, as he described the ever-present scourge of humanity. And certainly, with few exceptions, mankind has never had any serious doubt that war is indeed a crucible that the world would be better off without.

Neville Chamberlain, British prime minister earlier this century, stated: "In war, whichever side may call itself the victor, there are no winners, but all are losers."

Perhaps a number of our readers have had, as I have, the opportunity to visit the headquarters of the United Nations organization in New York City. It is plain that the young guides are deeply

be the only avenue peoples have for protection from aggressors. But it should not be that way!

There is a *cause* for war. There is a *reason* that peace is absent. The reason is that man has rejected God! Man prefers to rely on himself rather than God. And man prefers Satan's way of get, based on competition and strife, rather than God's way of give, based on cooperation, peace and love.

So there are aggressors and defenders. There always have been and always will be—that is, until the Way, the Truth and the Life, in the Person of Jesus Christ, arrives. At that time, every nation on earth will be compelled to begin learning a *new way of life*. The King of kings and Lord of lords—after stopping mankind from imminent nuclear annihilation—will assume *rulership* over all human governments and begin to implement policies and programs that will at last bring enduring PEACE to the world!

True liberty is coming! *Real* liberty. *Real* freedom. A *new society* is going to be built from the ground up for all people everywhere, based on God's law of love and peace. And the Administrator of that perfect and just government will have the *power* to make it work!

"And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, *neither shall they learn war any more*" (Isa. 2:4).

Dangerous and trying times are yet ahead. But the *good news* is that immediately after will come the glorious age of *peace* humanity has never yet known!



War is at best barbarism. . . . It is only those who have neither fired a shot nor heard the shrieks and groans of the wounded who cry aloud for blood, more vengeance, more desolation. War is hell.

—William Tecumseh Sherman (1820-1891)

committed to and believe in the eradication of war and aggression as they describe age-old world problems and the work and goals of the U.N. toward finding solutions. But the sad fact is that world peace *will not* and *cannot* be found solely by the cooperation of man, not even in the Security Council of the United Nations.

The simple truth is that man has never known *how* to have peace. "The way of peace they know not" (Rom. 3:17). Man does not understand the *why* of war and conflict, nor the *why* of peace.

Despite its horrors, war is considered a necessary evil. And in the governments of men, perhaps it is; because without God, war seems to

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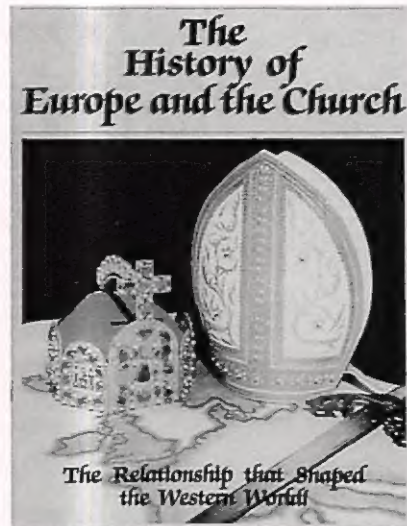
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR...

One Study Session Each Month

Thank you very much for your thought-provoking periodical, and for the occasional addition you send. Your articles are read by all of our staff, and we devote one study session each month to discuss your material. Keep up the good work.

Please send me your booklet *The History of Europe and the Church*.

A. Halpern
Holon, Israel



Agriculture in Zimbabwe

The writer of 'Farm Programs that Work' in your October issue cannot have been to that unhappy country of Zimbabwe... Zimbabwe is producing far less food now than it did and is being subsidised by us to many millions of pounds in order to make up for their deficiencies. They cannot even control the tsetse fly and have to get help from the EEC...

Before you write articles like this you want to get the plain truth and ask people who really know.

It is sad to think that after reading your publication for so many years I

have completely lost faith in what you publish.

Aden B. Spencer
Thorpe Bay, Essex

• The writer was indeed in Zimbabwe for the interview with Minister Swithern. We ask the questions; those we interview are free to answer in official capacities. Our readers should know how the government of Zimbabwe views its agricultural problems and achievements since independence. Zimbabwe is indeed grateful for EC help in combating the tsetse fly. We do not take adversarial positions in the interviews we do on controversial topics, whether on agriculture, the Middle East, or the New Europe.

Television

I find the TV broadcasts by David Albert, Richard Ames and David Hulme to be really relevant and gripping. All the people involved in the preparation of the broadcasts deserve heartfelt thanks and appreciation. There is so much to learn and to understand.

Increasingly I realize that whatever worthwhile thing I may do, achieve or overcome has to originate from without or above. There is nothing worthwhile within. So I will try harder to let God's will be done in my life.

Albert Stamler
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Holidays or Holy Days?

"Celebrating Christmas: Why I Won't Be This Year" put a new understanding in my comprehension of holidays. Your article hit the core of the matter. All modern holidays and their associated ancestral traditions, whether they be Roman, Greek, Chaldean, Egyptian, Druid, or any other, have the surreptitious purpose of overshadowing God's Holy Days that teach God's great Master Plan. This puts the matter in a nutshell.

Michael Wayne
San Antonio, Texas

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